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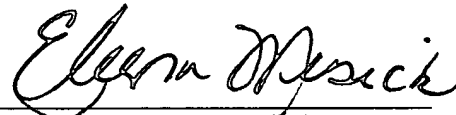
In the application claim 1 is pending. The undersigned has received no indication that examination has occurred, therefore, it is believed that this amendment is timely filed. Applicants request that the foregoing claims 2 - 13 be examined in lieu of claim 1 as filed with the original application.

Should the Examiner believe that prosecution of this application might be expedited by further discussion of the issues, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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